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USS FOX  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
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SUBJ: CHOLERA EPIDEMIC IN REPUBLIC OF MALZDVES

REFS: A. COLOMBO 1623  
B. COLOMBO 1624

1. COLOMBO UNICEF RESREP IGNAT EFF 8 APRIL GAVE EMBASSY FOLLOWING UPDATE THIS SUBJECT BASED ON REPORT FROM WHO DOCTORS IN MALE.

2. GOVERNMENT OF MALDIVES (GOM) HAS ANNOUNCED THAT OUT-BREAK OF GASTRO-ENTERITIS, INCLUDING CASES OF CHOLERA, HAS OCCURRED IN MALDIVES. WHO HEADQUARTERS WILL BE MAKING SIMILAR ANNOUNCEMENT.

3. WHO DOCTORS IN MALDIVES REPORT THAT CHOLERA HAS SPREAD TO 50 INHABITED ISLANDS IN THE ATOLL GROUPS. THEY CONSIDER THAT 78,000 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN EXPOSED. REPORTED CASES UNDER TREATMENT NOW DOWN TO 2,000. THERE ARE 113 CONFIRMED CHOLERA DEATHS TO DATE. DOCTORS STATE CHOLERA DEATH RATE NO AT THREE TO FIVE PER DAY. CHOLERA IS EL TOR OGAWA.

4. ALL JAPANESE FISHING BOATS IN VICINITY HAVE CEASED FISHING AND GONE TO MALE TO PUT THEMSELVES AT DISPOSAL OF GOM. JAPANESE FISHING BOATS NOW ENGAGED IN TRANSPORTING FOUR WHO AND GOM MINISTRY OF HEALTH COMBINED TEAMS BETWEEN STRICKEN ATOLLS. TEAMS

COMPOSED OF TWO WHO DOCTORS, TWO GOM DOCTORS PLUS PARAMEDICS. WHO AND UNICEF THUS FAR ABLE TO PURCHASE URGENTLY NEEDED SUPPLIES IN INDIA AND INDUCE INDIAN UNCLASSIFIED

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ARILINES (AND PERHAPS INDIAN AIR FORCE) TO DELIVER TO MALE.

5. IGNATIEFF SAID GOM NOW OPEN TO OFFERS OF DIRECT BILATERAL ASSISTANCE. EMBASSY HAS THEREFORE CABLED TO GOM OFFER OF U.S. HELP. WRIGGINS

OPR NOTE: MCN'S WILL BE PROVIDED BY SERVICE WIRE AT A LATER DATE.

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